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Sen. Kuipers, colleagues to announce legislation to replace MEAP test with Michigan Merit Exam

Who: Sens. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, Senate colleagues, as well as representatives from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association.

What: News conference announcing details of the plan to replace the high-school version of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test with a better test, as recommended in the recent report of the Education Alliance of Michigan.

When: Tuesday, April 20 2 p.m.

Where: Capitol Building Rooms 402-403

Briefing: The proposed legislation would create the Michigan Merit Exam, replacing the high-school MEAP test, which is used to determine student knowledge and the quality of Michigan students' education. The new test would use a widely accepted college-entrance exam to better evaluate the skills of college-bound students and those who enter the workforce after graduation.